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UW-Parkside
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UW-River Falls
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Lakeland College
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Milwaukee School of Engineering
Mount Mary College
Northland College
Ripon College
St. Norbert College
Silver Lake College
Viterbo University
Wisconsin Lutheran College

Listings of colleges are current as of May 2012, but are subject to change.



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Dear FIRST LAST,

Thank you for your commitment to your education. No matter your life’s goal, education will help open doors to make your dreams a reality.

A recent Georgetown University study estimated that by 2018, sixty-one percent of all Wisconsin jobs will require some postsecondary education or training. The path forward may be challenging, especially with so much going on in your life. I hope you will keep trying and learning so that you will graduate from high school prepared for college.

Your school has excellent teachers, principals, and guidance counselors who have been through high school and college themselves, and they work each day to help you succeed. Ask them, and your friends and family, for their advice and guidance along the way. Share your goals with them; they are there for you.

Enclosed with this letter is information from the Wisconsin Covenant program that provides options to help support your education after high school. The materials offer details on available funding options, along with information that will help you stay on the path to college.

I am committed to continually finding new and innovative ways to help you succeed. You, as a graduate like yourself chart your own course. When you succeed, you succeed for yourself, but also your family, community, and state.

There are many exciting opportunities ahead of you. Good luck as you continue your education.

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